

### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, and 59-66 are currently pending. Claim 58 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; and Claims 1 and 2 have been amended by the present amendment. The changes to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and are believed to be self-evident. Thus, no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,239,540 to Rovira et al. (hereinafter "Rovira") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,633,686 to Boden and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0271989 to Glaser et al. (hereinafter "Glaser"); Claims 1 and 59-62 were allowed; and Claim 58 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1 and 59-62, and the indication that Claim 58 includes allowable subject matter.

Further, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Contee for the telephone discussion with Applicants' representative on January 26, 2010, at which time proposed amendments to independent Claims 1 and 2 were discussed. During the telephone discussion, proposed amendments to amend Claim 2 to incorporate dependent Claim 58, which was indicated as including allowable subject matter, and to further amend Claims 1 and 2 to recite a second sound quality that is of a higher quality than the first sound quality, were discussed. The Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments would appear to place the application in condition for allowance, and suggested that an amendment incorporating those proposals be filed.

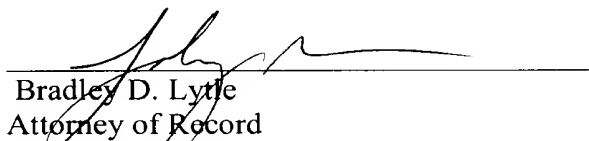
Regarding the rejection of Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate the features of dependent Claim 58, which was indicated as including allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the rejection of Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is rendered moot by the present amendment to that claim.

Further, as discussed during the telephone discussion with the Examiner, Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to recite a second sound quality that is of a higher quality than the first sound quality. Claims 1 and 2 have further been amended to correct a minor informality noted upon Applicants' review.

Accordingly, in view of the prior indication of allowability and the telephone discussion with the Examiner, no further issues are outstanding and entry of the present amendment is believed to be in order. The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, L.L.P.



Bradley D. Lytle  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 40,073

Customer Number  
**22850**

Tel: (703) 413-3000  
Fax: (703) 413 -2220  
(OSMMN 08/09)

Johnny Ma  
Registration No. 59,976